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EO 12065: GDS 11/7/86 (RUSER, CLAUS W.) OR-M
TAGS: ASEC, MILI, AR, BL
SUBJECT: BOLIVIA: REPORTS ON INSTRUCTIONS IN INTERROGATION
TECHNIQUES GIVEN BY ARGENTINE SECURITY PERSONNEL

REF: HOP 8463

1. S - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. PURSUANT TO AMBASSADOR'S INSTRUCTIONS

[REDACTED] DURING MEETING WITH COL. VICTOR PINO
MEMBER OF ARMY CINC GALTIERI'S STAFF AND AIDE TO GENERAL VIOLA,
MINISTER COUNSELOR RAISED REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES OF ARGENTINE
SECURITY PERSONNEL IN BOLIVIA, (REF.)

3. DCM NOTED THAT LA PAZ WAS A SMALL PLACE AND THAT EVERYTHING
THAT HAPPENS BECOME QUICKLY KNOWN. REPORTS WERE CIRCULATING IN
LA PAZ THAT IN MID-OCTOBER MEMBERS OF ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES
HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS ON INTELLIGENCE AND INTERROGATION TECH-
NIQUES (INCLUDING ALLEGEDLY DEMONSTRATIONS OF THESE TECHNIQUES)
TO BOLIVIAN MILITARY AND SECURITY PERSONNEL. ACCORDING TO THE
RUMORS, INSTRUCTIONS OF THIS TYPE WERE CONTEMPLATED FOR ADDITIONAL
BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL IN THE FUTURE. DCM SAID THAT WE
WERE CONCERNED OVER THESE REPORTS AND NOTED THE CONSEQUENCES FOR
ARGENTINA'S IMAGE AND STANDING.

4. COL. PINO TOOK CAREFUL NOTES ON THE DCM'S REMARKS. IT WAS
CLEAR THAT HE PLANNED TO REPORT THESE COMMENTS TO HIS PRINCIPALS.

5. [REDACTED] USARMA ARE PASSING THE SAME STATEMENTS TO THEIR
CONTACTS IN SIDE AND THE ARMY G-2. DCM WILL ALSO MENTION THE
MATTER TO COL. CARLOS CERDA, UNDER SECRETARY IN THE PRESIDENCY,
DURING HIS NEXT MEETING.
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